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Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy with scattered showers today, tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

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Truman Urges Reconversion Job Assurance

Congress Told It Must Close Major Gap; Steps Outlined By President

Washington, May 28 (U-P)—President Truman today urged congress to close what he described as a major gap in the reconversion program—"the lack of adequate benefits for workers temporarily unemployed during the transition from war to peace."

He proposed that congress act at once to assure war workers, through supplementation of state unemployment benefits, of 26 weeks of payments in any one year if they are jobless that long. He proposed at least \$25 a week for unemployed workers with dependents.

"We must provide maximum security to those who have given so fully of themselves on the fighting and production fronts," the president said in a message to congress.

Part of War

"The transition from war to peace is part and parcel of the war and we cannot shirk our obligations to those temporarily unemployed through no fault of their own."

He recommended specifically that congress:

1. Take emergency action to widen the coverage of unemployment compensation and to increase the amount and duration of benefits—at least for the duration of the emergency period of reconversion.

2. Extend unemployment compensation coverage to include federal employees, maritime workers and others not now insured.
3. Provide supplementary emergency funds to assure each eligible worker 26 weeks of benefits in any one year, if unemployed that long.

"These provisions are essential for the orderly reconversion of our wartime economy to peacetime production," he said. "They are badly needed for the duration of the reconversion emergency . . . as a bulwark against postwar deflation."

No Collapse Expected

Meanwhile, other administration leaders said they foresaw no economic collapse during reconversion but rather a period of expanding civilian economy in which small business would receive every encouragement.

"We are not now on, they said, will be on easing government production controls to permit the forces of free enterprise and competition to get back to work. In today's message, Mr. Truman said he assumed that congress would deal soon with the broader question of expanding and improving the social security program. But he expressed the belief that deliberations on these broad issues would take too much time to be of benefit during the first phase of reconversion.

Engineer Returns From Conference

Clyde H. Spencer, construction engineer for the bureau of reclamation in building of the North Unit irrigation project, today was back from Boise, Idaho, where he attended conferences at the bureau's regional headquarters. The engineer reported that he had sought increased personnel for the purpose of speeding up the construction of the big waterway, and had also discussed repayment contracts.

Bundles of Paper for Victory To Serve as Tickets to Show

Bundles of paper for victory, and a free admission to the Capitol theater.

That was the unusual combination which scores of Bend boys and girls between the ages of six and 14 years, were expected to take advantage of tomorrow.

For through arrangements between the theater management and the Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce, all the children who bring salvage paper to the theater will be admitted free to a special show.

Don Higgins, president of the Jaycees, said today that a truck would be placed in front of the theater at 10 a. m. tomorrow for the convenience of the youngsters. He said that there apparently was some confusion about the awarding of a \$25 war bond for the largest paper donation, some of the children believing they must bring the largest bundle to win. Higgins explained that the bond will be given for the

Marines Battle in Okinawa Capital City



Temporarily pinned down by Jap fire are these Sixth Division Marines during fighting among wrecked homes and rubble of Naha, capital city of Okinawa Island. They take cover behind this wall as one peers cautiously around corner. (NEA Telephone)

Woman Loses Life When Car Goes Into North Unit Canal

Mrs. Aza Toothaker, Ontario; Dead, Daughter Is Seriously Injured; Man Pinned Under Auto

Plans to hold an inquest into the fatal crash of an automobile into the concrete canal at the intake of the North Unit irrigation ditch, killing one woman and injuring two other persons, were dropped today by authorities. Coroner C. P. Niswonger said that there would be no inquest, after he had conferred with District Attorney A. J. Moore. The district attorney held that further investigation of the accident would be unnecessary because only members of the family were involved.

Man Victim of Bottle Stabbing

William Haffner, 33, 65 Franklin avenue, an employe of the Oregon Trail Box factory, today was in the St. Charles hospital in a serious condition from loss of blood, as police investigated his stabbing in the face with a broken beer bottle in the Shamrock on Minnesota avenue late yesterday.

Bend officers said that they knew the identity of Haffner's assailant, but hesitated to take him into custody because of the victim's reluctance to prosecute.

Haffner told Officer Walter Greisinger that he was in the Shamrock and was about to place a nickel in the music machine, when the assailant stepped up to him and asked:

"What nationality are you?" "I'm an American of German descent," Haffner said he replied.

Whereupon, according to Haffner, the man reached on the bar, picked up a beer bottle, broke it, then started jabbing it into the left side of his face. The victim lost a considerable amount of blood before receiving treatment at the hospital.

PRINEVILLE GIRL HONORED

Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, May 28 (Special)—Miss Helen Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason of Prineville, was being initiated into Phi Beta Sigma, national honorary society in education at Eastern Oregon College of Education. Membership in the organization is limited to students in the field of education who show promise of becoming outstanding teachers.

Capt. Bob Foley Is On Way Home

Captain Robert H. Foley, Deschutes county district attorney when he was called into the service, has returned to the states from nearly three years of duty in the Pacific theater of war, he notified his wife, Irene, from a western port early this morning. Captain Foley expects to reach home in a few days.

After the Bend man entered the service, he first served with the quartermaster's corps, at Fort Francis E. Warren, near Cheyenne, Wyo., then, while in New Guinea, transferred to the signal corps. More recently, he was transferred to the judge advocate general's department and has been stationed in the Philippines.

Dumbarton Oaks Luncheon Topic

Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, addressing the Bend Kiwanis club membership at the Pine tavern this noon, explained the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, declared them to be greatly superior to those embodied in the league of nations and urged that it is highly important that all Americans should find time to familiarize themselves with the plan of organization suggested for the peace-loving nations of the world.

The speaker stated that while the league of nations provided merely for an assembly and a council, the Dumbarton Oaks plan provides also for a military staff, an economic and social council, an international court of justice and a coordinating secretariat.

The speaker said that while the league only outlawed actual war, the proposals which give the basis for discussion at the San Francisco conference outlaw threats to peace as well. The league covenant was binding only on member states, he added, but the Dumbarton Oaks plan would control non-members as well as members.

Quarter of Bonds Are Sold in Drive

Deschutes county today was reaching the quarter mark in its seventh war, loan bond buying, having chalked up \$273,968.50 of its \$1,140,000 quota, it was reported today by A. L. O. Schueler, war finance chairman.

With the compilation of figures Saturday night, it was shown that 30.3 per cent of the \$2 bond quota has been subscribed. Buyers have taken \$198,102 of the \$628,000 E bond quota, Schueler revealed.

Standings of other bonds in the drive were:

F, \$7,566.50; G, \$24,300; C, \$20,000; 2 1/2 per cent, \$19,000; 2 1/4 per cent, \$1,000; and 7/8 per cent, \$4,000.
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Mrs. A. B. Estebenet, Jr. and Mrs. Carmen Hyde took charge of the bond booth in Penney's store today, for the Women of the Moose.

Health Meetings Are Announced

Three conferences are scheduled for the week by the Deschutes County health department.

Tuesday a child health conference will be held at Prineville between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Thursday a child health conference will be held in the health department quarters in the court house, by appointments only.

Friday, June 1, the regular immunization clinic will be held in Bend, between 1 and 3 p. m.

Three Boys Born At Local Hospital

Three boys were born at the St. Charles hospital Sunday and today.

Sunday, sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hickman, 2148 Awbrey road, and to Mr. and Mrs. John Wheat of Gilchrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davenport, 1625 West second, are the parents of a baby born today.

Two More Nazi Chieftains Die By Own Hands

Goering's Successor Takes Poison; Brother Of Himmler Captured

London, May 28 (U-P)—Two more Nazi bigwigs, one of them the successor to Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering as commander of the German air force, were dead by their own hands today.

A third, Albert (Little Hitler) Foerster, who as gauleiter of Danzig paved the way for German occupation of the Polish corridor in 1939, surrendered peacefully to a British lieutenant and a sergeant in a Hamburg hotel.

In Foerster's pocket was found a poison pill similar to the one with which Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler killed himself in British custody last week.

Nazis Named

The two latest nazis to follow Himmler in suicide were Marshal Robert Ritter von Greim, who succeeded Goering as commander of the luftwaffe April 26, and Dr. Hugo Jury, gauleiter of lower Austria and former social welfare minister in the notorious Seyss-Inquart government of Austria.

A small, empty pill was found beside Greim's bed in a Salzburg hospital, where he was confined for treatment of a minor leg wound suffered during the final stages of the battle of Berlin. The position of the wound indicated it may have been self-inflicted.

Also caught up in the allied net were two married sisters of Adolf Hitler and a brother of Himmler. The sisters, found in the Bavarian Alps, were identified as Angela Hammitz, 61, of Altmunster, Austria, and Paula Wolf, 48.

Brother Arrested

Himmler's brother, otherwise unidentified, was arrested by the British Second army in northwest Germany.

From Rome came word that Col. Heinrich von Vietinghoff, German commander in the southwest, finally was taken into custody last Wednesday, 23 days after his envoy officially surrendered his army to Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander.

A BBC broadcast said other German soldiers still at large in the Chemnitz sector of southern Germany were fighting something like a civil war with civilians in the area.

The troops were said to be plundering towns and villages for food and supplies after being refused permission to cross into the American-held area as prisoners.

Navy Is Building 20,000 Warships

Washington, May 28 (U-P)—The U. S. navy is building an additional 20,000 warships to give it a total of 127,000 ships of all types to complete the final phase of the second World War.

This gigantic number of ships would be sufficient if placed end to end to make a virtually unbroken bridge from San Francisco to Yokohama, Japan.

It will prove the vast armadas for the invasions of China and the Japanese homeland—some 5,000 miles from American shores.

A United Press survey found that the navy now has under construction 19,882 warships, including 271 front-line fighting ships and 16,993 landing craft.

Ships now under construction include two battleships, 15 aircraft carriers, 30 escort carriers, 47 cruisers, 104 destroyers and six destroyer escorts.

When completed they will give the navy an unprecedented array of mighty sea power.

Tokyo Reports U. S. Airmen Hit Capital on New Mission

Airfields Near Smoldering City Strated By Fliers; Fire Loss Great, Foe Indicates

By RICHARD W. JOHNSTON (United Press War Correspondent)

Guam, May 28 (U-P)—Three B-29 Superfortresses and 30 Mustang fighters bombed and strafed airfields near smoldering Tokyo for 40 minutes at mid-day today, Japanese broadcasts said.

If true, the planes also may have been attempting to get detailed photographs of the destruction spread through the capital by 4,000 tons of fire bombs in last Saturday's B-29 raid.

Two other groups of B-29s today mined Hakata bay off northern Kyushu and Kanmon straight, between Honshu and Kyushu, radio Tokyo said. Tokyo claimed that Japanese fighters shot down four of the big bombers and damaged eight others.

Utilities Hard Hit

The enemy broadcasts also reported that the Japanese foreign ministry, greater East Asia ministry and possibly 40 to 50 per cent of Tokyo's public utilities were destroyed in Saturday's disastrous air raid.

Tokyo newspapers were referring to the smoldering city as a "new battlefield," the broadcast said.

Radio Tokyo conceded that future American raids may be even more terrible.

"The enemy raids will increase in ferocity in the future," Tokyo said. "He, with his naked ambition, will certainly attempt to destroy and burn down every inch of the capital city."

Called Successful

Officers of the 21st bomber command said preliminary reports indicated the attack was "very successful," but were awaiting reconnaissance photographs to determine the exact extent of destruction.

Fires still were burning in Tokyo yesterday, more than 36 hours after the raid, but heavy weather prevented fliers from taking reconnaissance photographs.

Tokyo broadcasts earlier said most of Emperor Hirohito's palace was destroyed and the remainder of the capital "aid waste" in the attack. The central business section was only a ruin, they said.

The Japanese cabinet held an extraordinary session yesterday to discuss emergency measures "against air raid disasters," Tokyo added.

Legion Auxiliary To Make Wreaths

Members of the American Legion auxiliary announced today that all women who sold poppies in the recent sale are invited to attend a meeting at 7:45 tonight at the home of Mrs. Anne Forbes, 36 Oregon.

Bouquets and wreaths will be fashioned of poppies for decoration of graves of veterans on Memorial day, it was said. Mrs. B. A. Shellhart will be in charge of the work.

2 Officers Back From Europe War Lights To Shine Again on Ocean

Two Central Oregon veterans of the European invasion, First Lt. Arthur J. Miller, Redmond, and First Lt. Steven K. Anderson, Madras, have returned to their homes on rotation leaves, it was announced today from Fort Lewis. They were included in a group of 60 officers and enlisted men that reached Fort Lewis.

The men will report for reassignment after their leaves.

DISEASES REPORTED

Six communicable diseases were reported last week by all county physicians, according to health department authorities. There were three cases of chicken pox and one each of pink eye, mumps and whooping cough.

Bitter Fighting Still Rages on Four Fronts In Philippines, But U. S. Has Isles Secured

By Don Caswell (United Press War Correspondent)

Manila, May 28 (U-P)—The Philippines are secure today, four months after Gen. Douglas MacArthur's triumphant return to Manila. But the dirty job of mopping up goes on, and American soldiers probably will be fighting and dying on these islands as long as war lasts.

American and Filipino armies control 95 per cent of all the useable ports, towns, airfields, highways and agricultural centers in the islands.

But bitter, cruel fighting rages night and day on four main fronts, and there are few places in the sprawling archipelago where a white man can wander unarmed in safety.

The biggest and toughest core of Japanese resistance remaining today is in northern Luzon. There the enemy still is firmly in con-

Japanese Units In Shuri Face Encirclement

Nippons Trade Dead for Time in Effort to Halt Loss of Okinawa Lines

Guam, May 28 (U-P)—Japanese forces on Okinawa traded dead men for time today to save their collapsing line at the southern end of the island.

American marine and army troops, dragging through the muddy morass south of Yonabaru and into Naha at each end of the enemy's defenses, found clumps of corpses—the price of the delaying action.

Only a mile or two back of the line, the Japanese maneuvered in an effort to halt the threatened encirclement of their units around Shuri and its ancient castle fortress.

If the Japanese attempt to pull out to the south, as they apparently are ready to do, the guns of U. S. battleships and cruisers were prepared to lay down another deadly barrage. Naval fire already has broken up two or more columns of about 1,500 men each.

May Abandon Shuri

According to front dispatches, the Japanese appeared to be ready to abandon Shuri, the keystone of their already ruptured Okinawa defense line, for a new stand at least a mile and a half to the south.

That supposed new line in high ground south of the Kokuba river valley even now was being outflanked, however, by an American column slashing down the east coast against meager resistance.

The column secured a 300-foot esplanade overlooking the beaches of southern Okinawa after killing perhaps 2,000 Japanese in a three-day battle, then smashed on another 2,500 yards to Ogusuku town, two and a half miles south of the port of Yonabaru.

(A Japanese Domei dispatch recorded by the FCC said Japanese suicide planes sank an allied battleship, two cruisers and three large transports and torpedoed five other vessels in Nakagusuku bay on the east coast of Okinawa early today. Twelve other allied vessels were said to have been sunk or damaged in Okinawa waters Saturday.)

Mariner Gains

On the west coast, marines of the Sixth division drove another 800 yards through the rubble of Naha, capital of Okinawa, and broadened their bridgedhead across the Asato river inside the city almost to the shores of the East China sea.

The marines also threw a fifth bridge across the Asato and were pouring reinforcements of men, guns, tanks and supplies into the heart of the capital. The Japanese were putting up only rear guard resistance, apparently resigned to abandoning it for higher ground farther south.

The garrison of the inland citadel of Shuri, which has held up the American advance for nearly a month, apparently decided on an organized withdrawal to escape encirclement by 19th army forces pushing down both sides of the city.

The fall of Yonabaru in the east and penetration of Naha in the west already has exposed Shuri's flanks.

Motorist Drives Over Narrow Span

An unidentified motorist took a short cut over the Deschutes river in Bend yesterday evening and drove his car across the Drake park footbridge. There was no room to spare on the narrow bridge, but the motorist got across without scraping rails or fenders.

The motorist made the crossing from the west side, shortly before dusk, then cut across Drake park east of the river, after detouring around a tall pine near the east approach to the narrow span.

So far as known, this was the second time the footbridge was ever crossed by an automobile.

Veterans To Help On Memorial Day

To assist in the location of veterans' graves and to make certain that all are marked, representatives of local veterans' organizations will be at the Greenwood and Pilot Butte cemeteries here on Memorial day morning, and will be available at the sexton's house, it was announced today.

Visitors wishing information about the location of veterans' graves will be cared for by the men on duty. They will be on the job after 6 a. m. on Memorial day.